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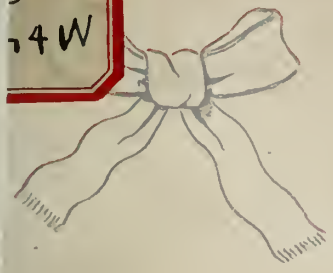




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COLLEGE BUILDINGS,

WITH DESCRIPTION, TOGETHER WITH

SOME OF THE PRINCIPAL STREETS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS

OF THE TOWN OF AMHERST.

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INTRODUCTION.



AMHERST COLLEGE was the outgrowth from the Amherst Academy, which was opened in 1814. In 1818, after more than \$51,000 had been pledged, in conditional subscriptions, to a fund for “indigent young men with the ministry in view,” it was decided to found the “Collegiate Charitable Institution.” Under this name Amherst College was opened in September, 1821. After a long struggle against determined opposition, the State granted the trustees a charter under the name of Amherst College.

The College has had six presidents: Zephaniah Swift Moore, D. D., 1821–1823; Heman Humphrey, D. D., 1823–1845; Edward Hitchcock, D. D., LL. D., 1845–1854; William Augustus Stearns, D. D., LL. D., 1854–1876; Julius Hawley Seelye, D. D., LL. D., 1876–1890; Merrill Edward Gates, Ph. D., LL. D., L. H. D., 1890—. The government is vested in a Board of Trustees, of whom five are elected by the votes of the Alumni. The internal affairs are controlled by the Faculty, consisting of twenty-two professors, nine assistant professors and instructors, of whom the president is the executive. The average number of students is about four hundred.

General View College.

THIS view, taken from the Library, shows nearly all the College buildings, with the College fence in the foreground, and is the first view of the College grounds and buildings, as one approaches from Pleasant street.



College Chapel, North and South Colleges.

SOUTH College, the oldest building on the College grounds, erected in 1820, is used as a dormitory. In 1891 it was extensively altered and modernized. The chapel, erected in 1827, is now used for morning prayers and recitation rooms. North College, erected in 1822, has also been modernized, and is used for the same purposes as South College.



Williston Hall.

WAS erected in 1857-58 through the liberality of Hon. Samuel Williston. It contains recitation rooms, and the third floor is occupied by the "Mather Collection of Art." In the hallway of the main entrance is a brass field piece, captured at the battle of Newberne, upon which is engraved the names of Amherst students who fell in that battle.



Walker Hall.

ORIGINALLY erected in 1871 through the generosity of Dr. W. J. Walker. Destroyed by fire in 1882, it was rebuilt, as it now stands, in 1883. It contains lecture and recitation rooms and offices for the College officers.



Barrett Gymnasium.

ERECTED in 1860, and was named for Dr. Benjamin Barrett, a large contributor to the fund for its erection. Amherst was the first College to introduce gymnastic exercise as a part of regular College work. This building will be occupied for a geological cabinet.

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Pratt Gymnasium of Amherst College.

THE Pratt Gymnasium was completed in 1884, and cost \$68,000. It is constructed of brick, with brown stone trimmings. It received its name in honor of Mr. Charles M. Pratt, of the class of 1879, through whose generosity it was erected. It is well lighted and ventilated. The first floor contains the office of the Professor of Hygiene and Physical Culture, large dressing rooms, and main hall. The second floor contains, among other rooms, a billiard room—the only one in this country connected with a college gymnasium. In the basement are found the base-ball cage, bowling alleys and sparring room.



College Church.

ERECTED in 1870-71 from designs by W. A. Potter, of New York. The late Wm. F. Stearns, son of Pres. Stearns, contributed the larger portion of the funds for its erection. The gable ends of the building are decorated by curious carvings emblematical of the Christian Church. The spire contains a chime of eight bells presented by Geo. Howe, of Boston, as a memorial of Amherst's sons who fell in the Civil War.



College Church, Interior.

THIS illustration shows the organ, the right transept, and the carved pillar at the entrance. The seating capacity is about six hundred. Upon the walls are tablets in memory of the lives of President Stearns, William F. Stearns and Prof. Mather.



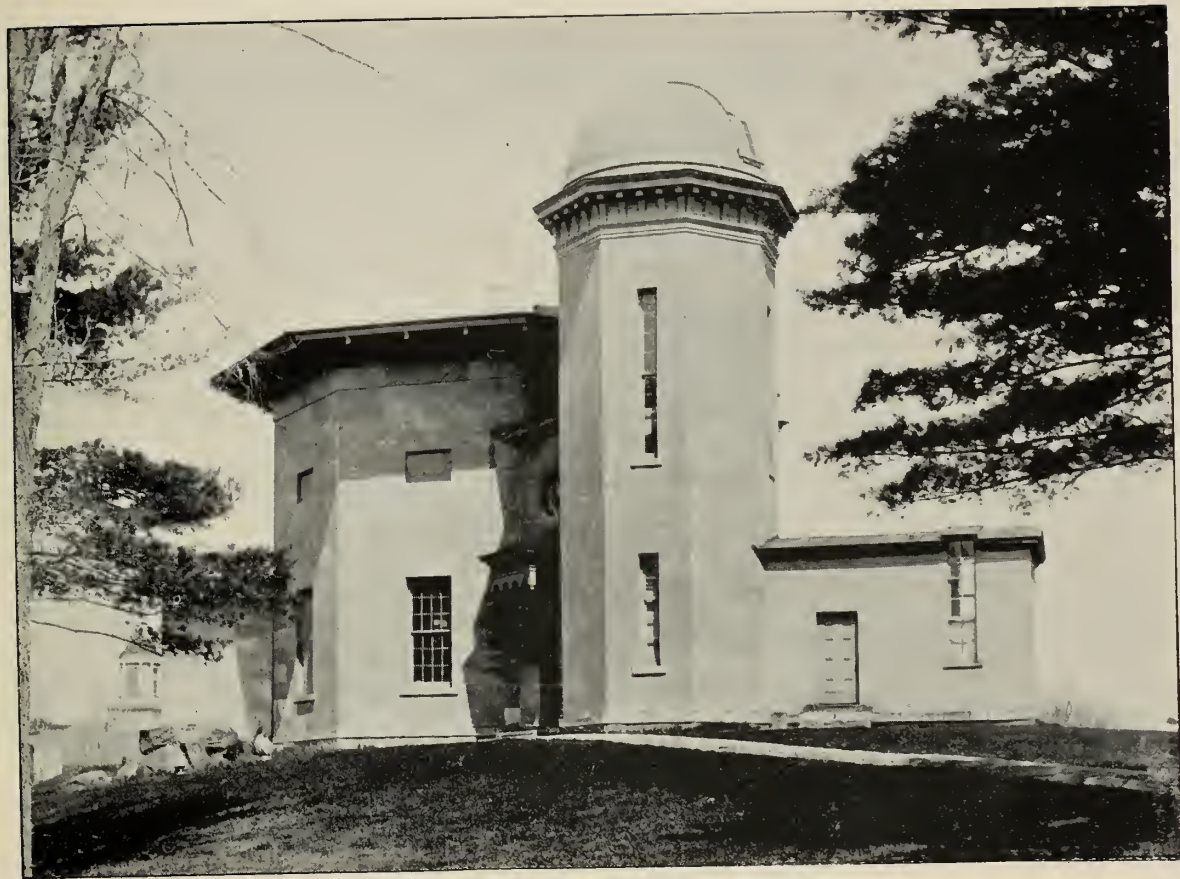
Appleton Cabinet.

ERECTED in 1855, and named from the Hon. Samuel Appleton. It contains the Hitchcock Ichnological Collection, the Gilbert Museum of Indian Relics, and the Adams Zoölogical Collection. About one hundred specimens from the celebrated Audubon collection of birds are also on exhibition.



Woods Cabinet and Observatory.

THE Woods Cabinet, named from its principal donor, Hon. J. B. Woods, contains all the geological collections of the College, comprising about 25,000 specimens. The Observatory contains a seven and one-quarter-inch telescope by Clark, and other instruments chiefly employed for educational purposes.



Laboratory.

ERECTED in 1893-94, on ground recently acquired from the Boltwood estate; contains laboratories devoted to Chemistry and Physics, and is well equipped with apparatus for the purposes of lecture illustration.



President's Residence, Library and College Hall.

THE President's house was erected in 1834, and remodeled in 1891. The Library, erected in 1853, remodeled and enlarged, 1882, contains sixty thousand volumes selected mainly for the purposes of study. It now bears the name of "The Henry T. Morgan Library." College Hall, formerly the place of worship of the First Congregational Church, was purchased by the College in 1867, and is used for commencement exercises and lectures.



Library Reading Room.

THIS large and finely lighted room, situated on the second floor of the Library building, contains reference books and periodical literature. Upon its walls are paintings of the first five presidents of the College, a number of its professors and benefactors.



Hitchcock Hall.

FORMERLY the residence of Hon. Lucius Boltwood and is now used as the College Commons, with a capacity of about one hundred table boarders.



Art Gallery.

SITUATED on the third floor of Williston Hall. This collection, consisting of plaster casts, was established by the late Prof. R. H. Mather, and bears his name. It is one of the finest collections of casts in the State, and contains, among others, full-sized casts—the only ones in existence—of the Crawford doors of the Capitol at Washington.



Alpha Delta Phi House.

SITUATED on the north corner of Pleasant and Sellen streets, was erected in 1890. This chapter, the first Greek-letter fraternity at Amherst, was established in 1837. The fraternity originated at Hamilton College in 1832, and now consists of twenty-one undergraduate chapters.



Psi Upsilon House.

SITUATED on the south corner of Pleasant and Sellen streets. It was originally the residence of the first president of the College. The chapter purchased it in 1879. This chapter was established in 1841. The fraternity was founded in 1833 at Union College, and is composed of nineteen undergraduate chapters.



Delta Kappa Epsilon House.

SITUATED on Oak Grove Hill. This property was acquired by the fraternity in 1885. The chapter was established in 1846. The fraternity was founded at Yale University in 1844, and consists of thirty-four undergraduate chapters.



Delta Upsilon House.

SITUATED on South Pleasant St., was purchased by the fraternity in 1882. This chapter was established in 1847. The fraternity originated at Williams College in 1834, and is now composed of twenty-seven undergraduate chapters.



Chi Psi House.

SITUATED on the corner of Northampton and South Prospect streets. It was erected by the chapter in 1884. The chapter was established in 1864. The fraternity was founded in 1841, at Union College, and is now composed of eighteen undergraduate chapters.



Beta Theta Pi House.

SITUATED upon north corner of College street and Maple avenue. Purchased by the chapter in 1886. This chapter, the outgrowth of a local society, the "Torch and Crown," received its charter in 1883. The fraternity was founded at Miami University in 1839, and consists of fifty-eight undergraduate chapters.



Chi Phi House.

THIS building, situated on College street, was erected by the chapter in 1885. This chapter was instituted in 1873. The fraternity was founded at Princeton in 1854, and comprises twenty-two undergraduate chapters.



Theta Delta Chi House.

SITUATED on the corner of Northampton street and Lincoln avenue, and was purchased by the chapter in 1889. This chapter was established in 1885. The fraternity was founded in 1846, at Union College, and consists of twenty-two undergraduate chapters.



Phi Delta Theta House.

SITUATED on the south corner of College street and Maple avenue. This society formerly occupied the residence of Prof. W. C. Esty. This chapter was instituted in 1888. Originally founded at Miami University in 1848. The fraternity now consists of sixty-seven undergraduate chapters.



Phi Gamma Delta House.

SITUATED on North Pleasant street. This chapter, the youngest fraternity at Amherst, was instituted in December, 1893. Founded at Washington and Jefferson college in 1848, the fraternity now consists of forty-eight undergraduate chapters.



Grand Stand, Pratt Field.

PRATT FIELD, situated on Northampton street, and devoted to athletics, was presented to the College in 1890, by F. B. Pratt of the class of '87. The Grand Stand was erected in 1891, and has a seating capacity of about four hundred. It also contains bath rooms, dressing rooms and other conveniences for the College athletic teams.



Ex-President Seelye's Residence.

SITUATED on College street, is surrounded by large and well-kept lawns, prettily adorned by trees and shrubbery.

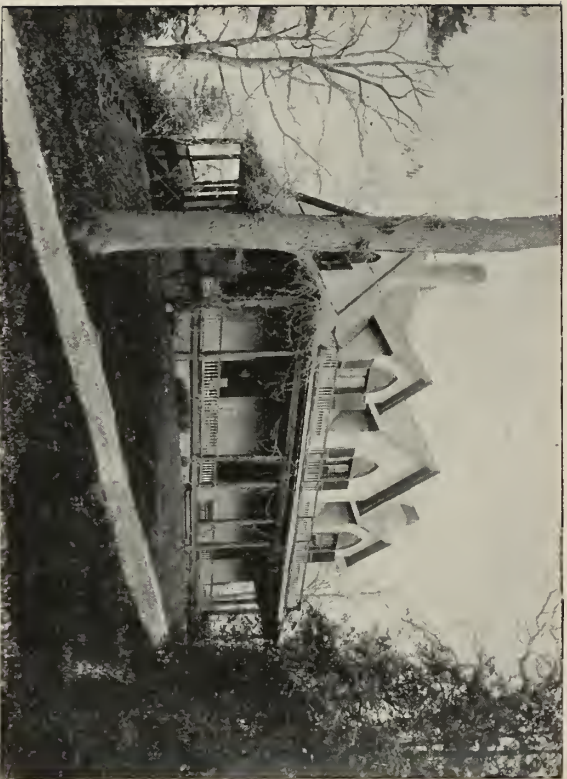


Residence of Prof. W. S. Tyler.

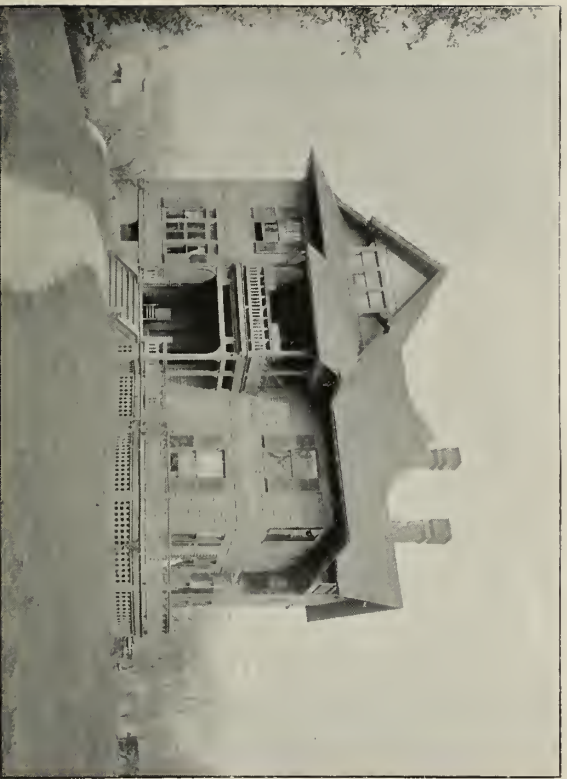
SITUATED upon Oak Grove Hill. This house was the birth place of Helen Hunt Jackson, whose *nom-de-plume*, "H. H.," is familiar to all.

Residence of Prof. J. M. Tyler.

SITUATED, also, upon Oak Grove Hill, adjoining the residence of Prof. W. S. Tyler.



RESIDENCE OF PROF. W. S. TYLER.



RESIDENCE OF PROF. J. M. TYLER.

Campus.

THIS illustration shows the grove of old oak trees, which is surrounded by the College buildings.



Northampton Street.

THIS illustration shows Northampton street looking west, with the residences of Professors Neill and Cowles.



Pleasant Street, looking North.

THIS shows the main street leading to North Amherst, each side lined with beautiful elm trees.



Pleasant Street, looking South.

SHOWING the Amherst House, Post Office and Merchants' Row.



Phoenix Row.

LOOKING east from the Amherst House, showing the business block on the west side of Main street.



View of Common.

LOOKING north, showing the east side of the Common and Maple avenue.



View of Common.

LOOKING south, showing South Pleasant street, the Common and Woods Cabinet in the distance.



Looking East from College Church.

- THIS panorama gives a view of a portion of Amherst's manufacturing interests, and the village of East Amherst, with Pelham hills in the distance.



Main Street.

LOOKING east from the Town Hall. This street leads to East Amherst and Pelham. The portion here represented is bordered by parallel rows of elm trees, whose interlacing branches almost arch the street. The First Congregational Church is prominently shown upon the right.




The Town Hall.

ERECTED in 1889, at a cost of \$58,000, from plans by H. S. McKay, Architect, Boston, Mass. It is picturesque in design and is built of brick and granite. It contains offices for the transaction of town business, the Public Library, the District Court Room, &c., in addition to the main hall seating between 800 and 900 people.





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